

Smoking and Blood Lipids. This citation is inserted among reports dealing on normal individuals. The observations of (70) Vlaicu et al. were made on 100 patients with angina pectoris. It is important because the study indicates that in patients, smoking does not modify serum lipid levels. The Summary is as follows:

SUMMARY

R. Vlaicu, Emilia Macovei, I. Papiu — CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY OF ARTERIAL PRESSURE AND SERUM LIPIDS IN CORONARY SMOKERS AND NON-SMOKERS

Arterial pressure, cholesterol, total lipemia and serum beta-lipoproteins were studied in 100 patients with painful ischemic cardiopathy, aged 40 to 55 years, of whom 50 smoking over 25 cigarettes a day and 50 non-smokers.

The statistical difference between the two groups was significant, arterial pressure and blood lipids presenting higher values in the non-smokers, than in smokers.

It is considered that in coronary smokers, in the absence of other risk factors (high arterial pressure and serum lipid levels), smoking is the main risk factor. In the production of coronaropathy, smoking does not appear to act by modifying blood pressure and/or serum lipid levels.

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